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Sir :

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. This Response is timely filed on April 24, 2006.

Entry of the following Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

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